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Acceptance of the settlement is in the best interest of the consumers. Obviously, the competition does not like it because it will allow Microsoft to continue to cut into their profits by forcing them to lower prices. No where in the entire litigation morass has anyone shown how the consumer has suffered. All that is repeatedly shown is the suffering of Microsoft?s competition in that their profits are down. The anti-trust efforts against Microsoft are analogous to the fairy tale of the emperor without any clothes.

The competition that Microsoft faces cannot compete successfully, so they say it is Microsoft?s fault when in reality it is there own inability to do their own job correctly that prevents their own success. Like many Americans, they won?t accept responsibility for their own mistakes.

All the government anti-trust attorneys could then concentrate their efforts on ending the petroleum monopoly which is the cause of artificially inflated prices for energy. The price of petroleum does not take into account the cost of production only the stranglehold of production exercised by petroleum exporting countries.

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